

Statement*The Major steps taken to protect Wildlife include*

- (i) Hunting of wild animals included in Schedules I to IV of the wild Life (Protection) act, 1972, has been banned by law.
- (ii) Special measures for protection and conservation of tiger, elephants and rhinos and their habitat are being implemented.
- (iii) A network of 441 wildlife sanctuaries and 80 National Parks covering 1,48,000 sq. km. has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of national parks and sanctuaries on request from the state Governments.
- (iv) Raids are carried out by the wildlife authorities, whenever information of illegal trading in wildlife animals reaches them.
- (v) International Trade in Endangered Species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- (vi) Regional and sub-regional offices of Wildlife Preservation have been set-up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.

- (vii) Interdepartmental coordination has been enhanced with other enforcement organisations like Police, BSF, Customs, ITBP, Coast guards etc. Training programmes on wildlife enforcement and implementation were also conducted for all these organisations at New Delhi and Dehradun during, 1995.

Milk Powder and Butter Oil received as Aid

2043. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) details of milk-powder and butter oil received as aid and the price thereof in the last year and countries from whom it was received; and

(b) whether Government also arrange to send abroad the above it, if so, the names of the countries alongwith the price at which it was sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH):

(a) Skim milk powder and butter oil was being received as aid under Operation flood-III project. These commodities were, however, not received during 1995-96.

(b) Country-wise details of Registration-Cum-Allocation Certificates (RACC) for export of Skim milk powder during 1995-96 issued by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is enclosed as statement. (See below).

Butter oil was not exported.

Statement**Country Wise Retails of RCAC Issued by Apenda for Export of Milk Powder (1995-96)****QTY: IN MT****VAL: IN USD**

COUNTRY	QTY.	VAL.
Bangladesh	1750	36,19,500
Nepal	65	1,31,361
Sri Lanka	147	3,01,753
Belgium	375	7,21,875
UAE	151	3,22,113
Zangibar	32	73,400
Philippines	48	99,984
Indonesia	32	66,560
Oman	31.5	67,870
Thailand	144	2,88,000
Holland	200	4,04,000
	2975.5	60,96,416

Financial Assistance Provided by NBT

2044. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Book Trust provides financial assistance to private publishers for the publication of books; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Book Trust, India, provides financial assistance to authors and publishers for producing books of a acceptable standard at reasonable prices for students and teachers of Indian Universities and technical institutes under its scheme for the subsidised publication of books. The books are published in English, Hindi or in any other language listed in the 8th schedule of the constitution.

The books subsidised under the scheme are those for which a definite need is felt and which relate to subject areas where books of an acceptable standard are either not available or are so highly priced as to be beyond the means of the majority of students.

The author receives royalty equal to 20% of the published price of the subsidised edition of the book, directly from the Trust, on publication of the book. The publisher is paid 50% of the total cost of production of the book, as subsidy.

Higher Scales of pay for Hindi Teachers

2045. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindi teachers appointed by Government under the Central Schemes in different non-Hindi speaking States have been demanding higher scale of pay; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to consider their demands?